

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 30, 2003, indicated as being "FINAL" has been reviewed in detail and the application has been amended in the sincere effort to place the same in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims of the application and allowance in their amended form are requested based on the following remarks. All of the changes made in this Amendment are made without prejudice.

Applicants retain the right to pursue broader claims under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Applicants have provided a unique solution with respect to problems regarding A FLAT PANEL LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY SUCH AS FOR A LAPTOP. Applicants' solution is now claimed in a manner that satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103.

New Issues:

It is submitted that no new issues have been raised by this amendment and that the amendments to the claims have correspondence to limitations in the claims presently on file.

Telephonic Interview:

The undersigned would like to sincerely thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview between the

Examiner and the undersigned on November 24, 2003. During the telephonic interview, the applied reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,417,124 (herein after U.S. '124) to Peuchert was discussed. In the discussion, the undersigned pointed out that the present application claims the benefit of priority to Federal Republic of Germany Patent Application No. 100 00 838 (herein after Germany '838). Germany '838 was filed on January 12, 2000, which is before the August 21, 2000 filing date of the application for U.S. '124. An agreement was therefore reached between the Examiner and the undersigned that U.S. '124 is not prior art against the present application, provided that a verified English translation of Germany '838 be submitted with the instant amendment. Accordingly, a copy of Germany '838, as published, and a verified English translation thereof are submitted herewith. In addition, submitted herewith is an informal marked-up copy of the present application as originally filed. The marked-up copy is submitted for the Examiner's reference only to show that the text of Germany '838 was included in the present application as filed. All text not included in Germany '838 has been struck out in the marked-up copy for the Examiner's convenience.

Since U.S. '124 was the only remaining reference applied against the claims, it was agreed to that all of the claims were

allowable over the prior art of record. However, the Examiner indicated that the claims of the present application now would likely be rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting in view of U.S. '124. Therefore, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to obviate such a rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action toward that end is respectfully requested.

The telephonic interview is further summarized below in the section entitled "Recordation of the Substance of the Telephonic Interview."

Rejection of Claims 17, 20, and 34-51 Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 17, 20, and 34-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over Peuchert et al., U.S. '124. This rejection is believed to have been rendered moot as agreed to in the telephonic interview of November 24, 2003 for the reasons discussed above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Objections:

Claims 34, 41, 42, and 51 were objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter

of a previous claim. Specifically, the recitation "at least 0.1% by weight of ZnO" does not further limit the ZnO concentration of the previous claim from which these claims depend. Claims 34 and 42 therefore have been canceled herein, without prejudice. Claims 41 and 51 have been amended to delete this limitation. It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the claims conform to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and practice.

Recordation of the Substance of the Telephonic Interview:

In order to render this Amendment complete, the following is a recordation of the substance of the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on November 24, 2003:

- 1) No exhibits were shown, nor were any demonstrations conducted.
- 2) Primarily, the prior art discussed was U.S. '124.
- 3) Generally, Applicant's representative submitted that U.S. '124 is not prior art against the present application because the earliest priority date of the present application, that is, January 12, 2000, precedes the filing date of the application for U.S. '124, that is, August 21, 2000.
- 4) The Examiner proposed that the claims of the present application would likely be rejected under double patenting in view of

U.S. '124.

5) The general outcome of the interview was an agreement between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative that U.S. '124 is not prior art against the present application. The Examiner requested that a verified English translation of the priority document, Germany '838, be submitted. The Examiner also suggested that a Terminal Disclaimer be filed to obviate a potential double-patenting rejection.

Art Made of Record:

The prior art made of record and not applied has been carefully reviewed, and it is submitted that it does not, either taken singly or in any reasonable combination with the other prior art of record, defeat the patentability of the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Further, Applicants are in agreement with the Examiner that the prior art made of record and not applied does not appear to be material to the patentability of the claims currently pending in this application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and early action towards that end is respectfully requested.

Summary and Conclusion:

It is submitted that Applicants have provided a new and unique FLAT PANEL LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY SUCH AS FOR A LAPTOP. It is submitted that the claims are fully distinguishable from the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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